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SUBJECT: FUNDING OF AID SECRETARIAL POSITION IN LONDON

REF: SMITH/BIRNBAUM TELECON 6/13/74

1. AS DEPARTMENT AND PARTICULARLY AID ARE AWARE FROM PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS (LATEST BEING LETTER OF APRIL 1 FROM ECON/MIN BRAND TO AID ASSISTANT TO ADMINISTRATOR JONNES), AID LIAISON IS A CONTINUING AND IMPORTANT PART OF THE EMBASSY'S WORK. WHILE IT DOES NOT REQUIRE FULL-TIME SERVICES OF AN OFFICER OR SECRETARY, IT DOES REQUIRE SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS OF BOTH OFFICER AND STAFF TIME. AN ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER SPENDS ABOUT 25 PER CENT OF HIS TIME ON AID COORDINATION AFFAIRS, AND HIS SECRETARY SPENDS APPROXIMATELY SAME AMOUNT OF TIME DEALING DIRECTLY WITH AID AFFAIRS. OFFICER (INCUMBENT IS BRYAN BAAS, WHO WILL BE SUCCEDED BY DENIS SANDBERG IN JULY) IS RESPONSIBLE FOR POLICY COORDINATION ON AID MATTERS WITH FOREIGN OFFICE AND ODM, CONTINUOUS CONTACT WITH NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED IN AID MATTERS AS WELL AS LIAISON WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. HE DEALS WITH SPECIFIC ISSUES OF INTEREST TO AID AS THEY ARISE, AND HE WORKS CLOSELY WITH AID OFFICIAL VISITORS TO ASSURE THAT THEIR VISITS ARE USEFUL AND PRODUCTIVE. SAHEL DROUGHT PROVIDES EXAMPLE OF PROBLEM OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO USG WHICH REQUIRES A GREAT DEAL OF TIME, BOTH ON SUBSTANTIVE COORDINATION OF POLICIES, AND ON CULTIVATION AND MAINTENANCE OF CONTACTS. PROBLEMS OF

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THIS MAGNITUDE OCCUR AT INTERVALS, AND FULL-TIME AID

OFFICER ON STAFF CANNOT BE JUSTIFIED ON REGULAR BASIS. NEVERTHELESS, WHEN MAJOR PROBLEMS DO COME UP, OFFICER MAY HAVE TO DEVOTE AT LEAST HALF HIS TIME TO AID WORK FOR GIVEN PERIODS.

ENCE, #MAIL VAST AMOUNTS OF VARIOUS AID AND ODM MATERIALS, AND MAKE APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULE PROGRAMS FOR AID VISITORS. SHE MUST ALSO SCREEN LARGE NUMBER OF TELEPHONE INQUIRIES FOR AID STATISTICS, ETC.

3. IN ADDITION TO THIS, EMBASSY ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION PERFORMS MANY TASKS ON BEHALF OF AID. SERVICES RANGE FROM MAKING HOTEL AND TRAVEL RESERVATIONS TO PROVIDING EXCHANGE ACCOMMODATION, ARRANGING TRAVEL ADVANCES AND PREPARING TRAVEL VOUCHERS. NOT INFREQUENTLY, WE FIND OURSELVES WITH A STRANDED AID EMPLOYEE ON OUR HANDS. WE ALSO DO THIRD-COUNTRY PROCUREMENT FOR AID MISSIONS IN AFRICA AND, AS NECESSARY, HANDLE MEDICAL EVACUATION OF AID EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS.

4. IT WILL BE SEEN THAT THE NATURE OF THE AID FUNCTION IS SUCH THAT NO ONE INDIVIDUAL NEED DEVOTE ALL OF HIS TIME TO IT, BUT THE DEMANDS PLACED UPON VARIOUS PERSONS THROUGHOUT THE EMBASSY ARE SUCH THAT MORE THAN ONE-MAN YEAR OF EFFORT IS ANNUALLY REQUIRED TO FULFILL AID PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS. WHILE WE ARE HAPPY TO RENDER THIS ASSISTANCE, THE MAGNITUDE OF THIS SUPPORT FROM BOTH ECONOMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTIONS IS CONSIDERABLE AND WE FEEL IT WOULD BE PROPER FOR AID TO OFFSET THESE OVER-ALL BENEFITS BY PROVIDING AN AID FINANCED SECRETARY. FOR EXAMPLE, 25 PER CENT OF ANNUAL SALARY AND ALLOWANCES OF A MIDDLE-GRADE OFFICER AMOUNTS TO \$7,750 WHILE EQUIVALENT SHARE OF SALARY AND ALLOWANCES FOR FSS-7 SECRETARY TOTALS \$3,250. TO THIS \$10,000 WE CAN REASONABLY ADD A MODEST \$5,000 TO COVER EMBASSY ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AS WELL AS OUR COMMUNICATIONS BACKSTOPPING FOR AID PROGRAMS AS WELL AS OUR VARIOUS SERVICES TO TRANSIENT AID PERSONNEL. THUS COSTS ADD UP TO \$15,000 WHICH SOMEWHAT EXCEEDS ANNUAL COST FOR PROVIDING FULL-TIME SECRETARY IN LONDON.

5. WE THEREFORE HOPE THAT WE CAN BE PROVIDED WITH AID-
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FUNDED POSITION WHICH CAN BE FILLED WITH SECRETARY FROM EITHER STATE OR AID. SECRETARY WOULD NOT, OF COURSE, DEVOTE FULL TIME TO AID MATTERS BUT TIME SPENT ON NON-AID WORK WOULD COMPENSATE FOR SERVICES RENDERED FOR AID BY ECONOMIC OFFICER AS WELL AS OTHER MEMBERS OF EMBASSY STAFF. ANNENBERG

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